

CURRENT HIV/AIDS STATE OF THE EPIDEMIC IN UGANDA AND THAILAND

Panel discussion and workshop, jointly organised by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA) and the Department of Development Studies (IE)

Venue: Alois-Wagner Saal, (C3, Sensengasse 3, 1090 Wien)

Time: Thursday, 12.01.2017, 14.00h-18.00h

HIV/AIDS was discovered in the 1980s and recognised as a quickly spreading epidemic. Uganda (East Africa) was among the first governments to declare publicly the gravity and urgency of the new disease and took strong initiatives in various fields: not only prevention, but also addressing HIV treatment, palliation, social support of orphans, the old, infected and affected. A similar story can be told about Thailand. After the discovery of the first cases in the mid-1980s, the Thai government joined hands with civil society organisations, business groups and international donors. In the 1990s, Uganda and Thailand were hailed to be the only two countries in the developing world which were able to contain the epidemic.

This view, however, is contested. While the drop of infection rates and prevalence of HIV is a fact, the early response measures as well as the mid-term health policy in both countries had far reaching social and political consequences - on gender relations, subjectivities, concepts of citizenship, but also on long-term health policy, the entire health systems, as well as on international relations. The workshop intends to open up discussions what the picture is like today - 25 years after the early comprehensive response policy of Uganda and Thailand. We will examine how the so assumed success story has continued and what challenges there are today.

We kindly ask participants to register for this event until 08.01.17 at: [ines.hoeckner\(at\)univie.ac.at](mailto:ines.hoeckner(at)univie.ac.at)

Programme

14.00-15.30h: Panel Discussion

Uganda's and Thailand's early comprehensive response policy to HIV/AIDS - 25 years on

Juliet Kiguli (Makerere University, Uganda/University of Vienna, Austria)

"Success" mechanisms of reducing and curbing HIV/AIDS prevalence in Uganda over two decades

Wolfram Schaffar (University of Vienna, Austria)

Thailand's successful reaction to the HIV/AIDS crisis and its long-term effects on citizenship, institutions and international relations

Yuki Seidler (University of Vienna, Austria)

The roles of leadership in successful HIV/AIDS prevention programmes – Red Cross experiences in South East Asia

15.30-16.00h: Coffee Break

16:00-18.00h: Workshop and Discussion

Current Challenges of HIV and AIDS with respect to SDG No.3

Peter Hauslohner (University of Vienna, Austria)

Ending the Global HIV Epidemic by 2030: Challenges

Marijana Grandits (Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights)

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